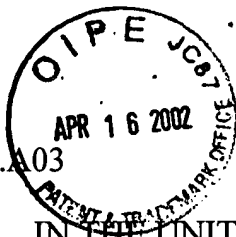


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Sir:

Prior to an examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows (a marked-up copy of the amendments is provided as an attachment to this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment):

1. (Amended - Clean Copy) An IP connection communication system for establishing communication between each of a plurality of IP connection terminals, in which an IP connection terminal is assigned with a global IP address by a provider on every connection to an internet as a receiving terminal, the system comprising: